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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PRODUCTION OF EDIBLE OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the production of edible oil recorded in the country during 2006-07;

(b) the reasons for lower production of edible oil during the said period;

(c) the target fixed for production of edible oil during 2007-08; and

(d) the steps taken for increasing production of edible oil?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The production/net availability of edible oils from all domestic sources has been estimated at 70.62 lakh tons during 2006-07 as compared to 83.16 lakh tons during 2005-06.

(b): The reasons for lower production of edible oils include lack of assured irrigation in about 77% of oilseed producing areas, poor quality of seeds, diseases and pests.

(c): A target of 312 lakh tons has been fixed for oilseeds production during 2007-08.

(d): The steps taken to increase the production of oilseeds/edible oils in the country include enhanced incentives to the farmers through fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP), implementation of Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) in 14 major oil seeds growing States with a view to increase the production and productivity of oil seeds in the country, and development of better seeds and production technologies by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).